



Juvenile Facilities

At

Eldora and Toledo

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Purpose

The purpose of both the State Training School at Eldora and the Iowa Juvenile Home at Toledo is to provide a complete range of treatment and educational services within a highly structured setting to assist youth who are adjudicated delinquent or children in need of assistance (CINA).

Who

- Eldora serves delinquent boys age 12-18. In SFY 08, the average daily census was 167 with 233 admissions and 230 discharges. There were also 94 court-ordered 30-day diagnostic evaluations with 93 discharges.
- At Eldora, average age at admission is 16. Youth stay about eight months. Twenty-nine percent have five or more separate psychiatric diagnoses, 69 percent need substance abuse treatment, and 44 percent have special education needs.
- Toledo serves girls aged 12-18 adjudicated by the court as delinquent, and both male and female children in need of assistance (CINA). In SFY 08, the average daily census was 76 with 102 admissions and 108 discharges. There were also 25 court-ordered 30-day diagnostic evaluations with 23 discharges.
- At Toledo, average age at admission is 17 for delinquent females and 16 for CINAs. Delinquent youth stay about eight months; CINA youth stay about nine months. Twenty-seven percent have five or more separate psychiatric diagnoses, 34 percent need substance abuse treatment, and 61 percent have special education needs.

What

Both facilities provide:

- Basic education to develop fundamental academic and life skills. Special education services are offered, as are vocational programs.
- Substance abuse treatment and physical and mental health care services.
- Individualized care and treatment featuring behavioral programs.

How are We Doing?

- Recidivism: Of the youth leaving the facilities, 100 percent from Eldora and 100 percent from Toledo remain in the community for at least six months.
- Education: (Percent of students who showed improvement from Pre- to Post-test)
Eldora reading progress was 70% and math was 67%.
Toledo reading progress was 60% and math was 63%.
- Confidence Builders: At Eldora, students erect Habitat for Humanity homes across the state. At Toledo, students enter a national vocational contest and have a record of high placements in annual competitions.